

REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted the claims as allegedly lacking unity of invention and requested election of species from one of the elected groups in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,502,128 (Flores). Applicants elect, with traverse, Group VI (drawn to volatile metal(III) tris(amidinate)), wherein Rⁿ represents unsubstituted alkyl groups.

In view of the foregoing election, Applicants have canceled claims 7-17 and 29-43. Applicants have also amended claims 1, 3, 5, and 20 to specifically refer to claim 18.

Applicants note that Flores fails to describe or suggest the metal(III) tris(admidinate) recited in claim 18. Accordingly, claims 1-6, 18-28, 44, and 45 form a single general inventive concept as the metal(III) tris(amidinate) claimed in claim 18 define a special technical feature not described or suggested in the prior art.

As such, Applicants request reconsideration of the restriction requirement and request examination of all the pending claims 1-6, 18-28, 44, and 45. From the pending claims, claims 1-6, 20-28, and 44 read upon the elected species.

In view of the above amendments and comments, Applicant believes the elected claims are in condition for allowance. Upon finding the elected species allowable, Applicants request the Examiner to expand the search to the unelected species, which Applicant also believes are also in condition for allowance. Early notification of such is earnestly requested.

Applicants are submitting herewith a petition for a two-months extension of time, along with the requisite fees. No additional fees are believed to be due at this time.

However, if any additional fees are due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0219, under Order No. 0042697.00149US3 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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